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**Follow-up to the commemoration of the two-hundredth  
anniversary of the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade**

**Permanent memorial to and remembrance of the victims  
of slavery and the transatlantic slave trade: status  
of the United Nations Trust Fund for Partnerships —  
Permanent Memorial**

**Report of the Secretary-General**

**I. Introduction**

1. In paragraph 12 of its resolution 67/108, the General Assembly requested the United Nations Office for Partnerships, through the Secretary-General, to submit a comprehensive report to the Assembly at its sixty-eighth session on the status of the United Nations Trust Fund for Partnerships — Permanent Memorial, established with a view to implementing the initiative to erect a permanent memorial in honour of the victims of slavery and the transatlantic slave trade.

2. The present report is submitted pursuant to that request.

**II. Status of the Trust Fund**

3. As at 30 June 2013, a total of \$1,397,043 had been recorded as income received under the United Nations Trust Fund for Partnerships — Permanent Memorial, including voluntary contributions from Member States amounting to \$1,220,688 and public and private donations totalling \$108,562. The breakdown of the contributions received is provided in the annex to the present report. With respect to expenditures charged to the Trust Fund, an amount of \$171,100 has been utilized, primarily for a transfer made to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) (\$91,000) in connection with the international design competition for the permanent memorial and for contractual services (\$69,400). The Fund had an unspent balance of \$1,225,921 as at 30 June 2013.

\* A/68/50.



4. In keeping with the intention of the General Assembly expressed in its resolutions 64/15 and 65/239, the Committee of interested States established to oversee the permanent memorial project (Permanent Memorial Committee) and the United Nations jointly collaborated with UNESCO to launch an international design competition for the permanent memorial. The considerable experience of UNESCO with the Slave-Route Project, other international competitions and its worldwide presence through its network of field offices and national commissions provide it with the necessary background for this responsibility.

5. In accordance with a tripartite memorandum of understanding and project document, UNESCO has completed the first phase of the competition by selecting 16 shortlisted designs from 310 proposals received globally. In 2013, in phase two of the competition, an independent international panel of judges, agreed to by the Permanent Memorial Committee, will select seven finalists. Subsequently, the judges will convene in New York to collectively evaluate and select the winning design. The panel of judges comprises: Nadia H. Bakhurji, Saudi Arabia; Hilary Beckles, Barbados; David Boxer, Jamaica; Dominique Fontaine, Canada; Michael Gomez, United States of America; Salah M. Hassan, United States of America; Dr. Ashfaq Ishaq, United States of America.

## Annex

**United Nations Trust Fund for Partnerships — Permanent Memorial: contributions received as at 30 June 2013**

(United States dollars)

| <i>Donor</i>        | <i>Amount</i> |
|---------------------|---------------|
| Afghanistan         | 1 000         |
| Antigua and Barbuda | 7 500         |
| Argentina           | 10 000        |
| Australia           | 150 000       |
| Azerbaijan          | 25 000        |
| Bahamas             | 7 500         |
| Barbados            | 10 000        |
| Belgium             | 6 267         |
| Belize              | 2 000         |
| Bhutan              | 1 000         |
| Botswana            | 10 000        |
| Brazil              | 20 000        |
| Burkina Faso        | 533           |
| Canada              | 19 342        |
| Chile               | 5 000         |
| China               | 20 000        |
| Costa Rica          | 5 000         |
| Denmark             | 10 000        |
| Ecuador             | 5 000         |
| Egypt               | 5 000         |
| Finland             | 75 000        |
| Georgia             | 5 000         |
| Greece              | 1 278         |
| Grenada             | 5 000         |
| Guyana              | 5 000         |
| Haiti               | 15 000        |
| Honduras            | 2 000         |
| Iceland             | 1 000         |
| India               | 260 600       |
| Indonesia           | 500           |
| Ireland             | 10 000        |
| Israel              | 20 000        |
| Jamaica             | 7 500         |
| Kuwait              | 20 000        |
| Libya               | 20 000        |
| Luxembourg          | 55 021        |
| Malaysia            | 10 000        |

| <i>Donor</i>                                                                | <i>Amount</i>    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Malta                                                                       | 500              |
| Mauritius                                                                   | 5 000            |
| Monaco                                                                      | 6 564            |
| Mozambique (Southern African Development<br>Community Group of Ambassadors) | 2 500            |
| Namibia                                                                     | 2 000            |
| Netherlands                                                                 | 14 588           |
| New Zealand                                                                 | 10 000           |
| Nicaragua                                                                   | 500              |
| Oman                                                                        | 9 979            |
| Pakistan                                                                    | 25 000           |
| Portugal                                                                    | 32 782           |
| Qatar                                                                       | 20 000           |
| Saint Kitts and Nevis                                                       | 1 000            |
| Saint Lucia                                                                 | 600              |
| Saint Vincent and the Grenadines                                            | 5 000            |
| Saudi Arabia                                                                | 10 000           |
| Slovenia                                                                    | 11 818           |
| South Africa                                                                | 101 051          |
| Spain                                                                       | 44 615           |
| Sri Lanka                                                                   | 500              |
| Sudan                                                                       | 1 000            |
| Suriname                                                                    | 10 000           |
| Sweden                                                                      | 10 000           |
| Syrian Arab Republic                                                        | 1 000            |
| The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia                                   | 500              |
| Togo                                                                        | 175              |
| Trinidad and Tobago                                                         | 10 000           |
| Turkey                                                                      | 17 500           |
| United Arab Emirates                                                        | 5 000            |
| United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland                        | 29 076           |
| <b>Subtotal, Member State donations</b>                                     | <b>1 220 688</b> |
| Ford Foundation                                                             | 75 000           |
| Private donors                                                              | 33 562           |
| <b>Subtotal, public/private donations</b>                                   | <b>108 562</b>   |
| Interest income                                                             | 39 345           |
| Other miscellaneous income                                                  | 28 449           |
| <b>Total</b>                                                                | <b>1 397 043</b> |